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1. A Nationalist organization was discovered in the Turkmen SSR in early April 1954. Its purpose was destruction of quartermaster food depots for the Red Army. Three such military food depots have been destroyed recently in this area, presumably by this same organization.
2. Its centers of operation have now been discovered. They are at Kainat [sig] Laili [sig], and Shich [sig]. There may, of course, be others.
3. The Nationalists were caught while transporting dynamite to a synthetic rubber factory, which they proposed to include in the scope of their operations. Twenty-six persons have been arrested. The Soviet authorities are still maintaining strict secrecy, as they hope to trap the entire organization.

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